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MEMORANDUM

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Re: AADSI/AIMS-A

Alternate Assessment Has Changed!

AADSI (Alternate Assessment Data System, Internet) has transitioned to the Arizona Department of Education Common Logon Alternate Assessment application. The Alternate Assessment application is similar to AADSI, which requires teacher data entry on all assessed performance objectives. Summary scores from Form 6 (AIMS-A) and Form 8 (ASAT) will no longer be accepted. Beginning this year, **all public education agencies (PEAs) must submit alternate assessment data for eligible students through the ADE Common Logon Alternate Assessment application.**

The alternate assessment data collection should start at the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year and will require that **hard copies** of the newly revised alternate assessment forms be used to record data. These forms are available at <http://www.ade.az.gov/standards/>.

Teachers can submit alternate assessment data through the ADE common logon beginning January 5, 2005. They must **first obtain a username and password** to access this system.

How to obtain passwords will be disseminated through the following methods:

- Directors' Institute Alternate Assessment presentation on October 21, 2004, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Statewide Alternate Assessment training opportunities beginning October 2004 through January 2005
- Notification through AADSI and ADE/ESS listservs
- Posted on AADSI and ADE Alternate Assessment Web sites

Due to significant changes in the submission of alternate assessment data this year, it is important for public education agencies to send two participants to the alternate assessment training. This will facilitate training other teachers in the PEA on the new requirements. Training dates and locations can be found at <http://www.ade.az.gov/ess/EssResources.asp> or <http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/exced/aadsi.htm>